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Dear Mr. Wilson:

HANFORD FEDERAL FACILITY AGREEMENT AND CONSENT ORDER (TRI-PARTY AGREEMENT), CHANGE CONTROL FORM M-32-99-02 ADDRESSING INTERIM MILESTONE MILESTONE M-32-06 AND TARGET DATE M-32-06-T01, INITIATION OF DISPUTE RESOLUTION

On June 21, 1999, the U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office (RL) provided the State of Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) with a change control form, for Interim Milestone M-32-06 and Target Date M-32-06-T01, requesting deletion of the "244-AR Vault Interim Status Tank Actions" from the M-32-00 series. The fourteen-day period has expired without a formal response from Ecology which constitutes disapproval of the request per the requirements of Agreement Action Plan Section 12.3.3.

As a result of Ecology's disapproval of the M-32-99-02 change control form, RL hereby gives notice of its election to initiate dispute resolution as set forth in Tri-Party Agreement Article VIII.

RL looks forward to working collaboratively and amicably with Ecology to resolve your concerns regarding the request to delete the 244-AR Vault Interim Status Tank Action commitments from the M-32-00 series. If you have questions, please contact me on (509) 376-6888.

Sincerely,

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